

1997. An Appeal Brief and a separate petition for an extension of time with the appropriate fee are being filed concurrently herewith.

In the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

106. The method of claim [104] 105, wherein the peptide comprises 50 amino acid residues or less.

133. The method as in any one of claims 103-113, wherein said composition is administered without adjuvant [in non-immunogenic form].

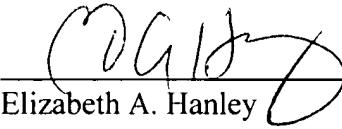
SUMMARY

The above amendments are being made for the purpose of expediting prosecution of the above-referenced application. It is respectfully submitted that the amendments reduce the issues on appeal by obviating the rejections under 35 U.S.C 112, second paragraph and first paragraph, and correct improper dependency of claim 106.

It is respectfully submitted that the rejections of record do not pertain to the newly amended claims and should be withdrawn. Amendment of the previously pending claims should in no way be construed as an acquiescence to any of the Examiner's rejections. Applicants reserve the rights to pursue the same or similar claims in this application or another application.

If a telephone conversation with applicant's attorney would expedite the prosecution of the above-identified application, the examiner is urged to call applicant's attorney at (617) 227-7400.

Respectfully submitted,


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